

BEFORE THE  
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION OF ) DOCKET NO.  
ILLINOIS ) 00 -0526  
and )  
ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY ) On Reopen  
(AMERITECH ILLINOIS) )  
)  
Joint Petition for review of an )  
Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement.)

Springfield, Illinois  
August 22, 2000

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 A.M.

BEFORE:

MR. WILLIAM SHOWTIS, Examiner  
MR. DONALD L. WOODS, Examiner

APPEARANCES:

MR. PAUL REBEY  
200 North LaSalle Street  
Suite 1100  
Chicago, Illinois 60601

(Appearing on behalf of Focal  
Communications Corporation of Illinois  
via teleconference)

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Carla J. Boehl, Reporter  
Ln. #084-002710



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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 EXAMINER SHOWTIS: Pursuant to the authority  
3 vested in me by the Commission, I now call a hearing  
4 in Docket 00-0526 which concerns a joint petition of  
5 Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois and  
6 Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech Illinois)  
7 for review of an Arbitrated Interconnection Agreement.

8 Will the parties please enter their  
9 appearances for the record?

10 MR. HARVEY: Appearing for the Staff of the  
11 Illinois Commerce Commission, Matthew L. Harvey, 160  
12 North LaSalle Street, Suite C-800, Chicago, Illinois  
13 60601-3104.

14 MR. REBEY: Paul Rebey, R-E-B-E-Y, appearing  
15 on behalf of Focal Communications Corporation, 200  
16 North LaSalle, Suite 1100, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

17 MR. COVEY: Ty Covey, C-O-V-E-Y, on behalf of  
18 Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Mayer, Brown and  
19 Platt, 190 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois  
20 60603.

21 EXAMINER SHOWTIS: The Commission has entered  
22 an order in this docket approving the arbitrated

1 portions of the Interconnection Agreement between  
2 Focal and Ameritech, and the purpose of the hearing  
3 today is to set a schedule pertaining to the  
4 negotiated portions of the agreement since, obviously,  
5 the agreement would consist of both arbitrated  
6 portions and negotiated portions.

7 Typically, Petitioner would submit a  
8 verified statement recommending approval of the  
9 negotiated portions of an agreement, and then Staff  
10 would also submit a verified statement. I don't think  
11 -- or I know that those statements haven't yet been  
12 provided in this docket and that's why we set the  
13 hearing today for purposes of a schedule. Let's go  
14 off the record.

15 (Whereupon there was then had  
16 an off-the-record  
17 discussion.)

18 EXAMINER SHOWTIS: Let's go back on the  
19 record. Staff counsel and counsel for Focal and  
20 Ameritech have agreed to the next hearing date of  
21 September 7 at 9:30 a.m. They have also agreed to  
22 submit verified statements pertaining to the

1 negotiated portions of the agreement ahead of that  
2 date.

3 Is there anything else to discuss on the  
4 record?

5 MR. HARVEY: Not from Staff.

6 MR. REBEY: Nothing here.

7 EXAMINER SHOWTIS: This matter is continued  
8 to September 7, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

9 (Whereupon the hearing in this  
10 matter was continued until  
11 September 7, 2000, at 9:30  
12 a.m. in Springfield,  
13 Illinois.)  
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1 STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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2 COUNTY OF SANGAMON )  
CASE NO.: 00-0526 On Reopen  
3 TITLE: Focal Communications Corporation of Illinois  
and Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech  
4 Illinois)

CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

5 I, Carla J. Boehl, do hereby certify that I am a  
6 court reporter contracted by Sullivan Reporting  
7 Company of Chicago, Illinois; that I reported in  
8 shorthand the evidence taken and proceedings had on  
9 the hearing on the above-entitled case on the 22nd  
10 day of August, 2000; that the foregoing 6 pages are a  
11 true and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so  
12 taken as aforesaid and contain all of the proceedings  
13 directed by the Commission or other persons  
14 authorized by it to conduct the said hearing to be so  
15 stenographically reported.

16 Dated at Springfield, Illinois, on this 8th day  
17 of September, A.D., 2000.

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20 Certified Shorthand Reporter

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